

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 97 counties from April 2010 to April 2011

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EDITOR'S NOTE: April's preliminary and March's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/April11charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 97 Kentucky counties between April 2010 and April 2011, while 20 county rates increased and three counties remained the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Webster County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 7 percent. It was followed by Fayette and Oldham counties, 7.6 percent each; Ohio and Woodford counties, 7.7 percent each; Caldwell County, 7.8 percent; Hancock County, 7.9 percent; Carlisle and Hickman counties, 8 percent; and Franklin and Scott counties, 8.2 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.1 percent. It was followed by Menifee County, 17.6 percent; Magoffin County, 17.3 percent; McCreary County, 15.3 percent; Clay County, 15.2 percent; Lewis County, 14.6 percent; Rockcastle County, 14 percent; Bell County, 13.4 percent; and Lincoln and Fulton counties, 13.3 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do

not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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